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The following information has been reported in connection with the recent visit of Lew Kowarski, Scientific Director of the French Atomic Anergy Commission, who arrived in Buenos Aires on 19 September 1950 ostensibly to give a series of lectures on atomic piles and nuclear energy sponsored by the Instituto de la Universidad de Paris in Buenos Aires.

B-3 1. Kowarski wanted to obtain a job in Argentina and offered the Argentine government his services in connection with experiments in nuclear theory. However, Kowarski stipulated certain conditions which the Argentine authorities considered to be unacceptable. Kowarski wanted to have a free hand in his experiments and in the recruitment of all personnel for his experiments. The Argentine government was unwilling to accept these conditions and refused his offer. According to source, Kowarski left Buenos Aires somewhat offended on 12 October 1950 on Panair do Brasil's Flight No. 264 en route to Brazil.*

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- B-2 2. reported that while Kowarski was in Argentina, he was visited by Commandante Ambrosio Ricardo Blason of the Argentine National Commission for Atomic
 - The first lecture which Kowarski gave in Argentina was on 21 September 1950 at the Facultad de Ciencias Exactas, Fisicas y Naturales at Calle Peru 222, Buenos Aires. Approximately 150 persons were present. Admission was free and invitations were
 - Kowarski was accompanied to this lecture by the French Ambassador to Argentina, Guillaume Georges-Picot, and the French Press Attache, Andre Tunis. He was received by Juan Blaquier, Dean of the Facultad de Ciencias Exactas, Fisicas y Naturales and President of the Instituto de la Universidad de Paris. Two employees of the Argentine National Commission for Atomic Energy were present, one of whom took shorthand notes while the other operated a wire recorder. Several members of the Direction de Fabricaciones l'ilitares were also present. military and scientific notables who attended the lecture were: Other Argentine

Colonel Enrique P. Gonzales, head of the Argentine National Commission for Atomic Energy

General Emilio Forcher Augusto Chaudet

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Kowarski will travel or intends to travel to the United States.

As far as

is known. Kowarski returned to France.

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**Believed to be identical with one Dr. Alberto Gonzalez Dominguez, a doctor of mathematics who represented the University of Buenos Aires at the International Congress of Mathematicians which took place at Harvard University August-September Gonzalez had been President of the Communist-front Instituto Cultural Argentino-Ruso and he headed the Department of Exact Sciences of that organization.

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*****Believed to be identical with Dr. Teofilo Isnardi, an Argentine physicist who is considered to be one of the best authorities on Physics and Atomic Energy in Argentina. He is president of the Academia Nacional de Ciencias Exactas, Fisicas, y Naturales of Buenos Aires.